

## Senate Resolution 20 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 20

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1 A Resolution requesting the legislative council  
2 to establish a legislative interim committee on  
3 beverage container recycling efforts.

4 WHEREAS, the law governing control of beverage  
5 containers, known as the bottle bill, was first passed  
6 by the general assembly in 1979; and

7 WHEREAS, the bottle bill, codified in Iowa Code  
8 chapter 455C, has succeeded in encouraging recycling  
9 and preventing litter, and enjoys broad support among  
10 the people of this state; and

11 WHEREAS, the bottle bill depends on the efforts and  
12 cooperation of consumers, retailers, distributors, and  
13 redemption centers; and

14 WHEREAS, the handling fee paid to retailers and  
15 redemption centers has remained the same over the  
16 life of the bottle bill while operation costs have  
17 increased; and

18 WHEREAS, many new beverage containers have been  
19 introduced into the marketplace since the enactment of  
20 the bottle bill; and

21 WHEREAS, a review of the bottle bill should be  
22 conducted to maintain and enhance the effectiveness of  
23 the goals of the bottle bill; and

24 WHEREAS, the review of the bottle bill should  
25 include but not be limited to input from all  
26 interested parties regarding deposits, handling fees,  
27 government oversight and involvement, and unreturned  
28 containers; NOW THEREFORE,

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the legislative  
2 council is requested to establish a legislative  
3 interim study committee on beverage container recycling  
4 efforts for the 2015 interim to review beverage  
5 container recycling efforts in this state and make  
6 recommendations and file a final report with the  
7 general assembly.